

Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

December 9, 2014 – 6:00PM – City Hall Conference Room B

Present: Scott Sanders Janna Bailey, Gary Carlson, Dave Coady, Ald. Thomas McNamara, Becky Lichty

Absent: Vickie Krueger

Staff: Andrew Pieri

Other: Bob Spain

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Janna Bailey, Assistant Chairman

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Vickie Krueger was absent from the meeting

Scott Sanders arrived late.

Public Hearing

None at this meeting

Approval of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Gary Carlson to **APPROVE** the minutes of the November 4, 2014 meeting as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Dave Coady and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Certificate of Appropriateness - 928 D Street

Contractor Bob Spain made a presentation to the Commission regarding a property located at 1246 Oakland Ave. Mr. Spain was contracted to build an attached garage addition on an existing coach house. HPC members reviewed design drawings and offered comments with regards to the proposed addition as presented.

- Plans to alter an existing residence shall be drawn by an architect familiar with historic preservation initiatives.
- Proposed design shall match the design features of the existing house. This would include matching door and window elements, roof pitch, exterior finish, etc. of the existing single-family home.
- The Commission suggests that a detached garage may be a less expensive alternative versus trying to match the design features of the existing home. A detached garage with a covered walkway may also be a suitable option.
- A detached garage would need to be located behind the principle residence. A two-car garage is preferred to match other homes in this area.
- Cement board would not be permitted on the residential addition
- Cement board would be acceptable on a detached garage if proposed.

A **MOTION** was made by Gary Carlson to **DENY** the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Becky Lichty and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**

Communication and staff report

None

New Business

Staff presented a copy of "Design Guidelines for Historic Properties in Rockford" and wanted to verify all members had a copy.

Staff provided a list of the current membership terms (and expiration dates) for all HPC members.

Chairman Sanders noted that both he and Ms. Bailey were up for replacement in 2015 and due to the language of the Ordinance would not be able to seek re-appointment to another consecutive 3-year term. Both members expressed interest in continuing to serve on the Commission. Staff advised that terms are set forth in the City of Rockford ordinance and that any changes to the ordinance would have to be approved by the City Council. Staff advised that the matter would be discussed with the Director of Community Development and would provide further details at the next HPC meeting.

Adjournment

With no other business Becky Lichty made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Scott Sanders and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Submitted by Andrew Pieri – Historic Preservation Commission Secretary